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SDSU PROFESSOR DISCUSSES BOOK *UNDERSTANDING JONESTOWN AND PEOPLES TEMPLE* AT THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY *Library Author Series Features Books by Local Writers and Thinkers*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library announces an author talk featuring San Diego State University (SDSU) scholar, Dr. Rebecca Moore, and her new book, *Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple*, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18 in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple argues that Peoples Temple cannot be fully understood apart from the social and historical context from which the movement emerged; nor can the deaths in Jonestown be completely comprehended without considering a range of internal and external factors that contributed to the community's decision to die. Dr. Moore lost two sisters and a nephew in Jonestown, and keeps in contact with survivors of the tragedy today.

The raving reviews assert that “Rebecca Moore provides the fullest account we have of the career of Peoples Temple. In a sympathetic but critical manner, she charts its beginnings in Indianapolis, its transformations in California, the tragic events at Jonestown in the Guyanese jungle, and the afterlives of Peoples Temple in American cultural memory...” “Rebecca Moore's thoughtful, balanced book makes a significant contribution to recent scholarship aimed at redressing the sensationalism of many previous accounts of Peoples Temple and Jonestown...” “Her perspective prompts wide-ranging and important questions on our contemporary practices and ways of thinking about religion, community, and memory.”

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